

NEWS RELEASE

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It's the third consecutive day of 90 degree temperatures, so it's time for Operation Get Wet.

This Columbus Recreation and Parks program allows anyone to enter one of the city pools for free today to help alleviate the summer heat. The pools are open from 1:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., and children under age eight must be accompanied by a parent or guardian

“It's one of the best ways to beat the heat in a fun and safe environment,” said Alan D. McKnight, Director, Columbus Recreation and Parks Department. “So, we want to make sure our citizens have a place to go when Mother Nature let's us really know it is summer.”

Those entering the pools must have a swimsuit and a department-issued leisure card. For those who do not yet have this identification card, you can simply stop by one of the department's 28 community recreation centers and complete a blue, leisure card application, which must be signed by a parent or guardian for those under 18.

The city's nine outdoor pools are:

Blackburn, 263 Carpenter St., 645-3071

Dodge, 545 Sullivant Ave., 645-7365

Fairwood, 1392 Fairwood Ave., 645-3110

Glenwood, 1925 W. Broad St., 645-3281

Lincoln, 1700 Ann St., 645-3058

Marion Franklin, 2699 Lockbourne, 645-3161

Maryland, 3080 Atcheson St., 645-3063

Tuttle, 240 W. Oakland Ave., 645-3603

Windsor – 1300 Windsor Ave., 645-3607.

However, due to the city's continued shortage of lifeguards, Blackburn will be closed today and participants will be redirected to Maryland which is 1.8 miles from Blackburn, or Fairwood which is 2.5 miles away.

For those unable to attend one of the city's pools, all 28 of the department's community recreation centers will have water activities and games from 3 – 5 p.m. today. Seniors are also invited to visit any of the department's air-conditioned centers that offer activities until 5 p.m. today for those 50 and older. Those sites are:

Barber Roselea, 4048 Roselea Pl.

Dodge, 667 Sullivant Ave.

Gillie, 4625 Morse Center

Lazelle Woods, 8140 Sancus Blvd.

Marion Franklin, 2801 Lockbourne Rd.

Martin Janis, 600 E. 11th Ave.

Sawyer, 1056 Atcheson St.

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